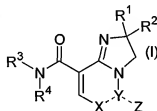


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A compound represented by formula (I):



{wherein X--Y--Z represents R⁵N-C=O (wherein R⁵ represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl, or substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl), N=C-NR⁶R⁷ [wherein R⁶ and R⁷ may be the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; or R⁶ and R⁷ are combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom thereto to form:



(wherein n represents an integer of 1 to 3; W represents -CH₂-, -CH=CH-, -NH-, a sulfur atom, or an oxygen atom; and R⁸ and R⁹ may be the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic

group, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxycarbonyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyl, substituted or unsubstituted aroyl, substituted or unsubstituted heteroaroyl, a halogen atom, amino, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo, carboxy, carbamoyl, mono or di(substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl)amino, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoylamino, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxy, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyloxy, or substituted or unsubstituted lower alkanoyloxy)], or $C=NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ (wherein R^{6a} and R^{7a} have the same meanings as R^6 and R^7 defined above, respectively); R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, a halogen atom, carboxy, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkoxycarbonyl, or $C(=O)-NR^{6b}R^{7b}$ (wherein R^{6b} and R^{7b} have the same meanings as R^6 and R^7 defined above, respectively); and R^3 and R^4 may be the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; or R^3 and R^4 are combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom thereto to form:



(wherein na , W^a , R^{8a} and R^{9a} have the same meanings as n , W , R^8 and R^9 defined above, respectively)), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein X--Y--Z is $R^5N-C=O$ (~~wherein R^5 has the same meaning as defined above~~).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein X--Y--Z is $N=C-NR^6R^7$ (~~wherein R^6 and R^7 have the same meanings as defined above, respectively~~).

Claim 4 (Original): The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 3, wherein R^6 and R^7 are not hydrogen atoms simultaneously.

Claim 5 (Original): The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 3, wherein R^6 is a hydrogen atom and R^7 is substituted or unsubstituted pyrrolidiny.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein X--Y--Z is $C=C-NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ (~~wherein R^{6a} and R^{7a} have the same meanings as defined above, respectively~~).

Claim 7 (Original): The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 6, wherein R^{6a} and R^{7a} are not hydrogen atoms simultaneously.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein either R^1 or R^2 is a hydrogen atom and the other is substituted

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A method for decreasing blood glucose level, which comprises administering an effective amount of the compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1.

Claims 21-24 (Cancelled)